

REMARKS

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Claims 2 and 3 and amended claims 1 and 4-7 are in this application.

Claims 1-3 were objected to because of informalities. Claim 1 has been amended herein so as to correct the informalities. Therefore, the objection to claim 1 should be withdrawn. Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1, and due to such dependency, the objections to claims 2 and 3 should also be withdrawn.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garland (US Patent Number 6,366,359).

Claim 1, as presented herein, recites in part as follows:

“a data memory for transiently storing data from the received television broadcast representative of only one image, in which said one image is the same as that currently displayed by said picture display device.”
(Emphasis added).

Garland (hereinafter, merely “Garland”) appears to disclose a buffer that stores compressed digital video signals corresponding to a plurality of images. (See Garland, Col. 4, lines 7-12 and lines 32-39). This buffer is coupled to a control means which, in turn, allows a user to view and select desired images from the stored compressed digital video signals by forwarding or rewinding though the stored images. (See Garland, Col. 4, lines 32-39; and col. 5,

lines 50-55). Accordingly, Garland does not appear to disclose “a data memory for transiently storing data from the received television broadcast representative of only one image, in which said one image is the same as that currently displayed by said picture display device”, as in amended independent claim 1.

Accordingly, it is believed that amended independent claim 1 is distinguishable from Garland as applied by the Examiner. For reasons somewhat similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also believed that amended independent claim 4 is distinguishable from Garland. Claims 2, 3, and 5-7 are dependent from one of the independent claims 1 and 4 and, due to such dependency, are also distinguishable from Garland.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the above 103 rejections of claims 1-7 be withdrawn.

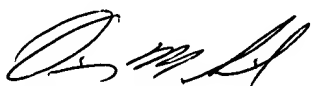
The Examiner has made of record, but not applied, several U.S. Patents. The applicants appreciate the Examiner’s implicit finding that these references, whether considered alone or in combination with others, do not render the claims of the present application unpatentable.

It is to be appreciated that the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art represent the present opinions of the applicants’ undersigned attorney and, in the event, that the Examiner disagrees with any such opinions, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where in the reference or references, there is the bases for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

Please charge any fees incurred by reason of this response and not paid herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,
FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP

By: 
Dennis M. Smid
Reg. No. 34,930
(212) 588-0800